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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LEAK OF US CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

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1. ON AUGUST 21, NETHERLANDS POLAD HORAK VISITED, AT HIS INITIATIVE, TO DISCUSS THE JULY 26 ELSEVIERS MAGAZINE ARTICLE APPARENTLY BASED ON A US CLASSIFIED PAPER. WHEN HE REPORTED THIS MISSION'S AUGUST 1 DEMARCHE ABOUT THIS ARTICLE, HORAK SAID HE RECOMMENDED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONFRONT THE MAGAZINE EDITORS. HORAK WAS PLEASED TO REPORT DUTCH AUTHORITIES HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH "THE AUTHOR"; BUT, AS JOURNALISTS ARE VERY JEALOUS OF THEIR SOURCES, THE MAGAZINE WOULD NOT REVEAL VERY MUCH TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE INVESTIGATORS WERE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOURCE OF THE MAGAZINE'S INFORMATION WAS NOT OF DUTCH NATIONALITY.

2. HORAK SAID HE PERSONALLY WAS SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS OF THIS DENIAL. HE SPECULATED THAT CONSERVATIVE DUTCH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, OPPOSED TO CSCE, WOULD RECOGNIZE IMMEDIATELY THAT THE US DOCUMENT IN QUESTION WAS THE SORT OF MATERIAL THAT WOULD APPEAL TO ELSEVIERS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING "SLIGHTLY RIGHT OF CENTER" EDITORIAL POLICY. US REP (LEDOGAR) REMINDED HORAK THAT THE US HAD NOT REQUESTED A RESPONSE
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FROM THE HAGUE ON THIS MATTER. NEVERTHELESS, US REP PERSONALLY FOUND HORAK'S REPORT INTERESTING.

3. COMMENT: FROM HERE, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY WE ARE GOING TO

LEARN MUCH MORE ABOUT THIS PROBABLE LEAK. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE
THAT, WHATEVER THE SOURCE, IT WAS WORTHWHILE TO LET THE DUTCH
GOVERNMENT KNOW OCCURRENCE DID NOT GO UNNOTICED.
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